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**Originating Summons No. 196 of 2012**  
**Vellama d/o Marie Muthu v Attorney-General**  
**Reply to Plaintiff Counsel's Latest Offer to Withdraw Proceedings**

1. The AGC has replied to the counsel for the Plaintiff that it does not accept the Plaintiff's conditional offer to withdraw the proceedings. The condition is for the Prime Minister to issue a statement in Parliament stating that it is the Government's position, based on advice from the Attorney-General, that when an electoral seat becomes vacant, there is a legal obligation to call a by-election within a reasonable time or within 3 months.
2. The condition is a hypothetical question and has nothing to do with the Plaintiff's proceedings, which relate specifically to the by-election for Hougang SMC.
3. The AGC intends to proceed with its application to strike out the Plaintiff's proceedings, which have become moot after the calling of the by-election for Hougang SMC in May 2012. The continuation of the Plaintiff's proceedings is an abuse of the Court process.

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